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1. THE ARAB POPULAR CONFERENCE TO SUPPORT THE PALESTINIAN

RESISTANCE AND THE LEBANESE NATIONAL MOVEMENT ENDED ITS FOUR DAY PROCEEDINGS IN BAGHDAD ON JUNE 29 WITH A SERIES OF 13 RESOLUTIONS. CONFERENCE WAS ATTENDED BY VARIETY OF LEFT LEANING INTELLECTUALS FROM VARIOUS ARAB STATES. (BAGHDAD 874-NOTAL). MAJOR THEME OF FINAL RESOLUTIONS WAS SYRIAN COMPLICITY IN A "GRAVE AND HOT IMPERIALIST, ZIONIST AND REACTIONARY SCHEME NOW BEING CARRIED OUT BY U.S. IMPERIALISM WITHIN ITS ALL-OUT ATTEMPT TO RESHAPE THE SITUATION IN THE ARAB REGION IN A MANNER CONSECRATING THE ZIONIST OCCUPATION OF ARAB PALESTINE AND OTHER OCCUPIED ARAB LANDS AND LEADING TO AN ATTACK ON THE ARAB LIBERATION MOVEMENT AND ORODING THE LIBERATION AND PROGRESSIVE ACHIEVEMENTS AND STAMPING OUT THE FLAME OF ARMED LIBERATION STRUGGLE IN OMAN AND ERITREA."

2. ONE NEW NOTE IN RESOLUTION WAS A CALL FOR "STRUGGLE BY THE JORDANIAN NATIONAL FORCES TO ESTABLISH A NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC RULE IN JORDAN AND TRANSFORM JORDAN INTO A NATIONAL CONFRONTATION STATE AND REAL REAR OF THE PALESTINE REVOLUTION." COMMENT: ATTACK ON HUSSEIN MAY HAVE BEEN MOTIVATED BY JORDANIAN DETENTION OF MUMEEF RAZAZ AND HIS COLLEAGUES IN AL JEFFER PRISON.

3. ANOTHER RESOLUTION CALLED FOR A PAN ARAB NATIONAL PROGRESSIVE FRONT AGAINST IMPERIALISM, ZIONISM, REACTION AND ALL "SURRENDER" SOLUTIONS TO THE PALESTINE QUESTION. OTHER RESOLUTIONS CALLED FOR STEPPING UP ARMED STRUGGLE AND MASS STRUGGLE INSIDE OCCUPIED PALESTINE AND FOR INCREASED ASSISTANCE TO THE PALESTINIAN AND LEBANESE ARAB PEOPLE IN LEBANON. COMMENT: IN IRAQI EYES, CHRISTIAN LEBANESE HAVE LOST RIGHT TO BE CALLED ARABS BY THEIR INSISTENCE ON ISOLATING THEMSELVES FROM MAINTREAM OF ARAB WORLD.

4. CONFERENCE ALSO CREATED A STANDING COMMITTEE CALLED "ARAB COMMITTEE IN SUPPORT OF THE PALESTINIAN AND LEBANESE PEOPLE". COMMITTEE IS TO HAVE ITS HEADQUARTERS IN BAGHDAD AND BRANCHES IN ALL ARAB COUNTRIES. IT WILL COORDINATE WITH "INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION AND LIBERATION FORCES AND PEOPLES FIGHTING AGAINST IMPERIALISM".

5. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH CONFERENCE PROBABLY RECEIVED LITTLE ATTENTION OUTSIDE OF IRAQ AND A FEW LIKEMINDED ARAB STATES, IT  
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PROBABLY SUCCEEDED IN FURTHER STIMULATING THE EMOTIONS OF THE ARAB INTELLECTUAL LEFT WHO ARE ALREADY DEEPLY DISTURBED OVER DEVELOPMENTS IN LEBANON. IF BAGHDAD-BASED COMMITTEE IDEA GAINS ACCEPTANCE, IT COULD BECOME NUCLEUS FOR AN ANTI-SYRIAN REJECTION FRONT IDEOLOGICALLY ALLIED WITH VARIOUS NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS. WHILE MANY SIMILAR EFFORTS HAVE BEEN MADE BEFORE WITH LITTLE APPARENT RESULTS, EVENTS IN LEBANON ARE NOW CREATING AN EMOTIONAL CLIMATE THAT COULD BRING ABOUT A MORE SYMPATHETIC

ATMOSPHERE IN THE AREA FOR EXTREMIST POLITICAL ACTIVITY. IRAQI  
REGIME IS ATTEMPTING TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS ATMOSPHERE TO  
ATTACK THE SYRIAN REGIME AND INCREASE ITS INFLUENCE AMONG THE  
OTHER ARAB COUNTRIES.  
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